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Briefing
for
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The European "Peace Movement"

I. Introduction: The related problems of "mood," "movement," and "governments"

II. Europe's "Mood" and Its Sources

nuclear war as "thinkable," doubts about deterrence, an unfavorable balance of power, US-Soviet tensions, the "nuclear allergy," lack of fear of USSR, European nationalism, anti-Americanism, "neutralist" sentiments, economic woes, extra-European factors.

III. The "Movement": Supporters and Objectives

repository for the disaffected, the youth element, environmentalists and "alternative" movements, the churches, labor, leftwing socialists, the USSR and communists, terrorists, the media, the aims of the "peace movement."

IV. Governments: "Between Many Fires"

domestic priorities, fragile coalitions and political parties, detente, the INF precedent.

V. Durability of the "Peace Movement"

President Reagan's speech, the Geneva negotiations, a more "balanced" tone, revelations of Soviet meddling, Poland, US actions, long-term vs. short-term sources, consequences for NATO.